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11. Restructuring of the National
Intelligence Survey (NIS) Program
(USIB-D-51.1/20, 19 May 1972)

See Reverse for Review Action

All USIB members on 5 June approved telephonically the NIS Committee's recommendation to discontinue production of NIS topical detailed sections by the end of FY 72 and to integrate on a selective basis broadly useful material from those sections, as appropriate, into the new General Survey. The Office of the Chairman, NIS Committee has been notified of this Board action.

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Restructuring of the National Intelligence
Survey (NIS) Program

REFERENCE: USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963

1. The attached memorandum from the Chairman, National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Committee forwards a Committee recommendation that USIB approve the plan to discontinue production of NIS topical detailed sections by the end of FY 72 and to integrate on a selective basis broadly useful material from those sections, as appropriate, into the new General Survey.

2. Mr. King advises that budget and manpower reductions for FY 73 require still deeper cuts in the NIS Program. The NIS Committee believes that what remains can best be made to meet important needs of the national security community by placing full emphasis on production of a coordinated, high-quality, and broadly based General Survey. During early 1972, the proposal submitted in this memorandum was subjected to extensive field comment, which indicated that loss of detailed coverage would be felt adversely by a number of specific Army, Navy and Air Force commands. On balance, however, the Committee believes that concentration on the production, structure, and organization of the new General Survey would utilize the remaining resources better than the present disparate program and, in addition, would retain the interagency framework needed to meet any future requirements for an expanded national basic intelligence effort.

USIB ACTION REQUESTED

3. Board Members are requested to advise the Secretariat by close of business 31 May of their concurrence or other views on the NIS Committee recommendation in paragraph 12 of the attachment.

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